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Letter No. F. 5236/47-48 dated the 7th April 1948 from the Director of Food Supplies, reporting of outbreak of fire at Belagandi resulting in the burning of some fuel lots.

Submitted for perusal.

1 It is reported that about 150 lots out of the fuel made over by the Forest Department had been stacked by the side of the railway line between Balegandi & Sagar with the object of disposing it in public auction on 15-4-48.

2 In spite of precautionary measures & the presence of a fire watcher, it is stated that a fire broke out on 24-3-48 from the sparks coming out of a running train engine & spreading to the fuel lots.

3 If approved a further communication as to the exact number of fuel lots burnt & the amount realised in the sale of the remaining lots will be awaited.

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Letter No. F. 3591/47-48 dated 22nd April 1948 from the D.F.S stating that a sum of Rs 1,153-2-0 was realised by auctioning about 70 to 80 fuel lots in Belegandi & requesting approval for the confirmation of the sale held by the Special Officer, Fuel Supplies.

b) Submitted. The D.F.S states that after giving wide publicity

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the remaining lots of fuel numbering about 70 to 80 were sold in public auction held on 23-3-48 in the Office of the D.F.O Sagar & that a sum of Rs 1,153-2-0 was realised.

7) It is further stated that a sum of Rs 3920-5-4 is due to the Forest Dept towards the cost of the entire lots of fuel & thus deducting the amount of sale proceeds of Rs 1,153-2-0 a loss of about Rs 2,775-0 has been incurred in this connection.

8) Pending receipt of a further report from the Special officer, fuel supplies & the profit or loss involved in this transaction, the D.F.O requests approval for the Confirmation of the sale held by the Special officer fuel supplies.

9) For orders, whether the sale held by the Spl officer fuel supplies may be Confirmed & the Conservator of Forests is asked to have informed him the realisation from the auction sales were fair.

The sales held by the Special Officer, may as recommended by the D.F.O be Approved with financial Concurrence

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

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No. F.5236/47-48.
ENCLS.

OFFICE OF THE
DIRECTOR OF FOOD SUPPLIES
IN MYSORE,

Bangalore, dated 7th April, 1948.

FROM

The *Director of Food Supplies*
in Mysore, Bangalore.

The Secretary to Government,
Food & Civil Supplies Department,
Bangalore.

SIR,

Subject:- Breakout of fire in Balegundi Fuel lots.

I have the honour to state that about 150 lots out of the fuel made over by the Forest Department had been stacked along with the railway line near Balegundi. The Special Officer, Fuel Supplies reported that they could not be moved to Bangalore City for want of loading and transport facilities. The Range Forest Officer was specially deputed to the spot for taking immediate measures to preserve the fuel from fire etc., He arranged for the cutting of the rank growth of vegetation covering up the fuel lots and for the removal of bamboos and lantana coming in the cleared lines of the fuel lots incurring an expenditure of Rs.96/-. Further a fire watcher was appointed from February 1948 on a salary of Rs.30/- per mensem to look after the fuel lots during day time when trains are passing.

2. The fuel is reported to have consisted of large quantities of soft wood and that the same had been partly deteriorated. In view of the poor quality of the fuel and the heavy overhead charges required to be incurred if the same is brought to Bangalore City, the Special Officer, Fuel Supplies was requested in consultation with the Auditor & Accounting Officer, to dispose the fuel by auction at the spot. The Special Officer, Fuel Supplies, has accordingly fixed the date of sale of fuel lots for the 15th April 1948.

3. In the meanwhile, the Special Officer, Fuel Supplies has reported in his letter No.F.Mis.3/46-47 dated 30-3-48 (copy enclosed) that a fire broke out in a dry bamboo grove from sparks coming out of a Railway Engine and spread to the neighbouring fuel lot at Balegundi resulting in the burning of some fuel lots on one side.

4. The exact number of fuel lots burnt and the amount yielded in the sale of the remaining fuel lots will be intimated in due course.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Addl.Director of Food Supplies.

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Copy of letter No.F.Mis.6/46-47 dated 30-3-48 from the Special Officer, Fuel Supplies, Bangalore, to the Director of Food Supplies in Mysore, Bangalore.

Subject:- Breakout of fire in Balegundi fuel lots.

With reference to your letter No.F.5236/47-48 dated 23rd March 1948 sanctioning the appointment of the fire Watcher for the fuel lots lying between Balegundi and Sagar by the side of the Railway line, I have the honour to state that a report has been received ~~time~~ from the Watchman Hanuma, that on the 24th instant a fire broke out in a dry bamboogroove, from the sparks coming out of a running Railway Engine, and it spread to the neighbouring fuel lots at Balegundi as a result of which some fuel lots on the easternside have been burnt. The fire could not be brought under control for want of water facilities nearby. The exact number of lots burnt has not been intimated and it will be ascertained and further report made.

The watchman has added that he has cleared the existing lots from the shrubs and dry grass so that fire may not spread.

(C o p y.)

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M.V.Ramachandra
Addl.Director of Food Supplies. 8/4

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

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OFFICE OF THE
DIRECTOR OF FOOD SUPPLIES
IN MYSORE,

No. F.3691/47-48. 26 APR 1948 6421
ENCLS.

Bangalore, dated 22nd April *194* 8

FROM

The *Director of Food Supplies*
in Mysore, Bangalore.

SECRETARY * OCD & CIVIL SUPPLIES * 24 APR 1948

To

The Secretary to Government,
Food Department,
BANGALORE.

SIR,

SUBJECT: BREAKOUT OF FIRE IN BALEGUNDI FUEL LOTS.

In continuation of this Office letter of even number dated 8-4-48 on the above subject, I have the honour to state that the Special Officer, Fuel Supplies has reported in his letters No. F.Mis.6/46-47 dated 19-4-48 and 21-4-48 (copies enclosed) that he visited the spot where the fuel lot had been stocked and found about 40 to 45 lots having been burnt in the recent fire. It is stated that the remaining lots numbering about 70 to 80 were in a deteriorating condition. The sale of these lots on the 15th instant at the spot had been notified in the Gazette as well as in the two issues of 'Daily Post' and 'Tai Nadu'. In spite of the wide publicity of the sale of the fuel lots, the Special Officer,Fuel Supplies, has reported that there were very few bidders and that the sales were not very promising in view of the fact that the fuel was very old and deteriorating. The highest bid is stated to be Rs.1,025/- excluding Rs.128-2-0 towards cess. Out of the total amount of Rs.1153-2-0, a sum of Rs.384-6-0 being one fourth of the sale amount (including cess) has been recovered from the highest bidder Mr.Angadi Malleshappa.

The above fuel lots stocked at ~~Bangalore~~ Balegundi are stated to be the remnants of the 337½ lot allotted by the Forest Department during the year 1946. Out of these 337½ lots,1375-12-0 tons of fuel have been brought to Bangalore City and 52 lots were

were supplied toBhadravati Iron & Steel Works. The Special Officer, Fuel Supplies, has been requested to verify the transaction of these lots and to report the profit or loss involved in this connection.

As regards the 70 to 80 lots auctioned on the 15th instant, the Special Officer, Fuel Supplies, has reported that the total cost to be paid to the Forest Department for these lots works out to Rs.3,920-5-4. The amount realised by sale of these lots is Rs:1,153-2-0 resulting in a loss of about Rs.2,775-0-0. As already stated that the fuel lots sold in auction are reported to be very old and were lying in a deteriorating condition. As there is no prospect of realising higher bids for these lots and as any further delay is certain to cause greater loss, I request you kindly to obtain approval of Government for the confirmation of the Sale held by the Special Officer,Fuel Supplies,early.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

DIRECTOR OF FOOD SUPPLIES.

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Copy of letter No.F.Mis.6/46-7 dated 19-4-48 from the Spl.Officer,Fuel Supplies,Bangalore,to the Director of Food Supplies.

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Sub: Balegundi Fuel Lots.

With reference to your letter No.F.5236/47-48 dated 7th April 1948, forwarding, copy of letter No.F.Mis.6/46-47 dated 30-3-1948, to the Secretary to the Government, Food and Civil Supplies Department, Bangalore, regarding the break out of fire in Balegundi Fuel Lots, I have the honour to state that I visited the spot with Mr.C.Rama Rao, Range Forest Officer, on specialy duty, on the 15th instant and found that about 40 to 45 lots had been burnt in the recent fire and there were about 70 to 80 lots existing. Even they, are not full lots and some of them are disturbed and scattered here and there.

2. The existing lots were put up for auction, on the 15th instant in the Office of the District Forest Officer, Sagar, as per your order No.F.3691/47-48 dated 23-3-48. There were very few bidders and the sales were not very promising. This was probably due to the fact that the fuel is between intermediate stations and the stock is pretty old and deteriorating. The labour in those parts is dear and transport facilities are wanting. The highest bid offered by one Mr.Angadi Malleshappa was Rs.1025/- and the cess at annas 0-2-0 per rupee thereon is Rs.128-2-0. The total amount is therefore Rs.1,153-2-0. One fourth of the sale amount plus the entire ~~the entire~~ cess, i.e. Rs.384-6-0 in all has been paid by him and is credited to my Office accounts.

3. On my way back, I consulted the Conservator of Forests, Shimoga, regarding the realisations from the auction sales, and he was of opinion that itwas fair. I doubt very much whether we could find a better sale if it is reauctioned. I therefore request that the sale may be confirmed and permission given for the removal of the fuel. The custody of the lots is entrusted t Mr.Malleshappa, pending confirmation of the sale,with the direction that he should remove only after sanction of the Director of Food Supplies. The sale records are enclosed for kind perusal and return.

C o p y.

Copy of letter No.F.Mis.6/46-47 dated 21-4-48 from the Special Officer,Fuel Supplies,to the Director of Food Supplies.

Sub: Balegundi Fuel Lots.

In continuation of this Office letter of even number dated 19-4-1948, I have the honour to state that during the year 1946, the Forest Department, allotted a stock of 337½ lots of fuel lying near Balegundi for Bangalore Civil Supplies. A bill for Rs.16572-8-0 at Rs.34/- per lot, plus supervision charges and seigniorage charges at Rs.1-8-0 pper ton has been received for payment towards this fuel fro, the Fuel Supply Division Officer,Bhadravati. Each lot according to Forest Department was said to contain 10 tons of fuel, while on test check, it was found that it contained only 8-11-3½ tons. All these lots were made over to Mr.M.Abdul Khuddus, Contractor,Kumsi,to supply the same to Bangalore Civil Supplies at Rs.18/- per ton f.o.r. Bangalore, meeting the expenses of the Forest Department and transport charges etc.

2. Mr.Khuddus,supplied 1,375-12-0 tons of fuel to Bangalore from out of these lots, in 10 special trains and Rs.21,435-1-0 have been paid towards the railway freight thereon. A sum of Rs.3,347-14-0 appears to have been recovered in excess by the railways and the question of refund is under correspondence with the railways (vide this Office No.F.Mis.6/47-48 dated 1-8-1947).

3. For want of transport facilities, the contractor Mr.Abdul Khuddus, refused to arrange further supplies and intimated the Special Officer,Fuel Supplies,to absolve him from all responsibilities. In spite of several references made to him, that he should not break the contract, he bluntly refused to so.

4. During February 1947, the Bhadravati Iron Works wanted about 100 lots of fuel for their use and this was agreed to. Reference has been received from the Iron Works that they have taken only 52 lots as against 100 . The exact number of lots that they have taken has to be further examined and fixed up.

5. During 46-47, and 47-48 there was break-out of fire resulting in the burning of about 65 to 70 lots. The remaining 70 to 80 lots were auctioned on the 15th instant and a reference

reference has been made to confirm the sales. The total cost to be paid to the Forest Department for these 80 lots auctioned is Rs.3,928-5-4, against which Rs.1,153-2-0 have been realised in the recent auction, resulting in the nett loss of about Rs.2,775/-. The exact total loss in the entire transaction will be intimated after ascertaining the total number of lots taken by the Bhadravati Iron Works and Settlement of the Railway freight and the liability of the contractor.

6. As this will take some time, I request that the present sale may be confirmed and the fuel ordered to be delivered to the highest bidder as the present lots are exposed to accidental fire, which may end in huge loss.

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Sri.N.S. Ramachandra, M.A.,
Asst. Director of Food Supplies

BANGALORE,

Dated...4/5/...1948

D. O. No. F.3691/47-48.

Dear Mr.Venkatakrishna Rao,

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I am desired to invite your kind reference to this office letter No.3691/47-48 dated 24th April 1948 requesting orders of Government regarding the confirmation of sale of fuel lots at Balegundi and to request you to kindly arrange to communicate early the orders of Government passed in the matter, as the bidder at the Sale is urging for the delivery of the commodity.

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Yours sincerely,

N.S. Ramachandra
4.5.48

G.Venkatakrishna Rao, Esq., B.Sc.(Hons).,
Assistant Secretary,
Food Supplies Department,
Bangalore.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(*Continuation sheet draft form.*)

TYPED 5.5.48.

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To,

The Director of Food Supplies in Mysore, Bangalore

Sir,

Subject:- Breakout of fire in Balegundi fuel Coli - Dispensation.

With reference to the Correspondence Ending with your letter No. F. 9691/42-48 dated the 22nd April 1948 on the above subject, I am directed to convey the circumstances which approval of Govt to the issue held by the Special officer, Food Supplies at Lingsugur on 15.4.48 dispensing of the necessity fuel coli at Balegundi after the recent fire in one Smt Mallikappa for Rs 1,151.2.0.

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Yours faithfully
Asst. to Secy.

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Copy to Asst. to Food Supplies.

Secy.

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'GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

Immediate. General and Revenue Secretariat,

No. SD. 9111 /A./83-47.3 Dated, Bangalore, ...5th May,.....194 8.

FROM

The *Secretary to the Government of*
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.
Food & Civil Supplies Dept.

To

The Director of Food Supplies in Mysore,
Bangalore.

Sir,

Subject:- Breakout of fire in Balegundi fuel lots - Disposal in auction.

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No.F.3691/47-48, dated the 22nd April 1948, on the above subject, I am directed to convey, in the circumstances stated, approval of Government to the sale held by the Special Officer, Fuel Supplies, at Sagar on 15-4-48 disposing of the remaining fuel lots at Balegundi after the recent fire to one Mr. Angadi Malleshappa. the highest bidddr for Rs.1,153-2-0.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

sd/- A. S. Khaleel,

Secretary to Government,
Food & Civil Supplies Dept.

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Memo No.SD. 9112 Dated: 5-5-48.
Copy of the above is forwarded to the Auditor and Accounting Officer, Food Supplies.

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O/C For Secretary to Government,
Food & Civil Supplies Dept.